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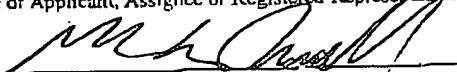
Applicants : Hacker et al.
Serial No. : Continuation of 09/370,373
Filing Date : August 10, 1999
For : **HERBICIDAL COMPOSITIONS FOR TOLERANT
OR RESISTANT MAIZE CROPS**
Examiner : S. Clardy
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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

Prior to examining the above-identified application on the merits, kindly amend the application as follows: